

Central Indiana Folk Music and Mountain Dulcimer Society  
Minutes of the February 8, 2009 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by President Steve Kessinger.

Board members present were Steve Kessinger, Gary Rogers, Phil Slates, Amy Raab, Dave Slates, and Ruth Slates.

The January 2009 Treasurer's Report was approved as presented on a motion by Ruth Slates, seconded by Dave Slates.

The January 2009 Secretary's Report was approved as presented on a motion by Steve Kessinger, seconded by Phil Slates.

#### Music Coordinator's Report

1. Music Coordinator Dave Slates reminded the board of the upcoming gig at New Castle/Henry County Public Library, Friday, February 27, at 7 p.m.

#### New Business

1. Name change discussion. Phil Slates brought up the idea of investigating ways to promote the CIFM&MDS to a greater degree than we have in the past. If the society does choose to upgrade our public identity in the form of a more inclusive name, the new name could be tied in with a promotional attempt to make our society more visible in the folk music community.
2. Eagle Creek Committee. The work of the committee goes on. A tentative date has been chosen, and soon assignments of specific job titles and duties will be given to committee members.
3. Folk Music Education. Ruth Slates would like the board to consider working toward funding education in folk music. The board agreed that the Arts are at risk in our economy. In the future the board will consider ways to do our part for the Arts in our area. The board is unanimous in agreeing with our society's mission statement, which is this: *We are a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the state of Indiana for the charitable and educational purposes of promoting, perpetuating, and supporting traditional American Music.* Dave Slates suggested that we check for available funds and grants that the CIFM&MDS might be able to utilize in the further education of our members and others in the area of folk music.
4. Archives. The board discussed the importance of maintaining and preserving the society's music.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m. Steve Kessinger made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ruth Slates.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Raab  
Secretary